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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement reached in the Microsoft anti-trust dispute is essential to the continued success of America's technology industry in the world market. Our IT industry has floundered for the past three years since the inauguration of this anti-trust suit against Microsoft three years ago. This settlement is fair and is a prime opportunity to put this litigation behind us.

Under the terms of the agreement, Microsoft has agreed to design all future versions of Windows to be more compatible with the products of its competitors. Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against any competitor who produces products that compete with its own. And, finally Microsoft has promised to report to a three person technical committee that will monitor Microsoft's compliance to these terms. I believe that this settlement is reasonable for the simple reason that it will allow Microsoft to get back to business without being pirated and split apart.

Thank you for your help in this issue and for allowing me to express my opinion. Free enterprise is a precious commodity in this nation and it must be protected.

Sincerely,

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